

## **ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

1 In a low-cost firearm, the frame of the weapon comprises a laminated structure  
2 in which operative grooves and recesses having a base wall and one or more  
3 sidewalls are formed by laminating the sidewall to the base wall, so as to avoid  
4 the necessity for forming the grooves and recesses by performing expensive  
5 machining and finishing operations on a unitary frame structure. The sidewalls  
6 and the base walls are formed of separate materials that may be different from  
7 each other. For example one of the materials may be plastic, to provide light  
8 weight, while the other may be metal to achieve desired rigidity and/or  
9 strength. The laminations are coupled together by either mechanical members  
10 such as screws or rivets, or by bonding agents such as welding or high-strength  
11 adhesives or by a combination of both.